

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph added by Preliminary Amendment (dated July 15, 2004) to page 1 under the heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present patent application ~~claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 and 35 U.S.C. 365~~ is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/149,353, filed June 7, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,624,183, which was filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of International Application PCT/EP00/11989, filed November 30, 2000, which was published in German as International Patent Publication WO 01/44215 on June 21, 2001, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Applications 199 59 947.5, filed December 13, 1999, and 100 21 412.6, filed May 3, 2000. --